



City of Bethlehem

Parks, Recreation, and Public Property

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Healthy Parks



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Easter Egg Hunt

This year's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the lawn in front of Memorial Pool on Illick's Mill Road at 10am on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is for Bethlehem residents and their children ages 3 through 8. The event will be held rain or shine. For information, call the Recreation office at 610-865-7081.

Phase Two of the Bethlehem Skateplaza is Open

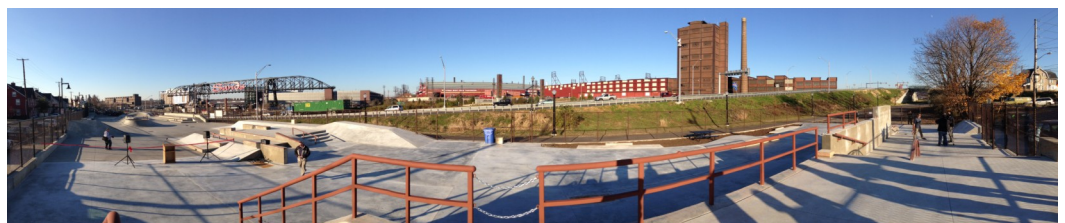
On a cold November day, after months of construction and patience from skaters and BMX'ers, the second phase of the Bethlehem Skateplaza opened to much fanfare. Hundreds of kids waited outside the fence for the ribbon cutting ceremony and all wanted to be the first to 'shred' the new obstacles of the 'Za'.

"It's been a long time coming," said Ralph Carp, Director of Parks in Bethlehem. "It's another step in the progression of what we hope to be just a tremendous amenity for the south side recreation of this city."

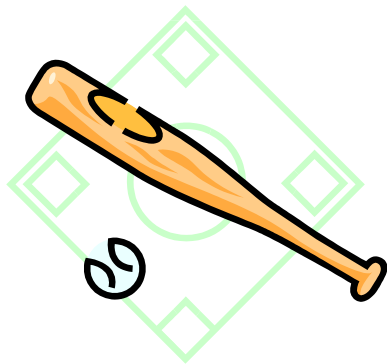
Phase 2 is anchored by the '10 Stair' feature, which serves as both a skateable fea-

ture, and a concert stage. The Plaza was designed with both the skater and non-skater in mind and really puts the 'Za' on the map!

Sponsorships are still available and the Buy-A-Brick program is still currently running. Visit www.bethlehem-pa.gov/skateplaza for more info.



Summer League Sign Ups



As spring rolls around, it is time to start thinking of warmer weather. With the warm weather comes picnics, barbecues, and outdoor sports. The City of Bethlehem Recreation Department operates two summer leagues for adults, slo-pitch softball and adult basketball. For more information about these leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 610-865-7081.

Youth Sports

For the youth of Bethlehem, there is a wide range of sports organizations. Each youth organization is managed independently from the City of Bethlehem but utilize the City's facilities. Youth athletics are an integral part in child development and help build character later in life.

There are 6 Little Leagues serving Bethlehem. Participants must register with the league that is closest to their residence.

The leagues offer baseball and softball and are open to boys and girls ages 5-16. For more information about the league, sign up dates, locations, please contact the individual leagues.

Sports

City Line L. L.

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610-295-9715

[City Line LL Website](#)

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Gene Ashner 610-691-5234
Keith Ashner

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North West L. L.

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484-554-4321

[Northwest LL Website](#)

Southside L. L.

Jose Gonzales
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[Southside LL Website](#)

**To view the Little League boundaries, please
[CLICK HERE](#)**

Sand Island Tennis

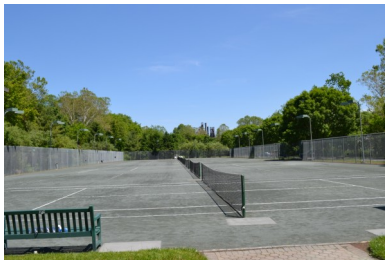
Located on Historic Sand Island, the City of Bethlehem's Public Tennis Courts are truly unique – featuring a Clubhouse and Eight Har-Tru (Clay) Tennis Courts with an underground watering system that ensures consistent play through-out our Summer Season. Whether you need a few lessons, are a casual player, or enjoy the competitiveness of a league,

Sand Island has it all for young and old. Season passes and daily rates are available.

Our 2013 season officially opens on Saturday May 25. The deadline for signing up for the summer leagues is Friday, May 17th. Junior programs start the week of June 17 with clinics, match play, and travel team. Adult

clinics will be Monday & Wednesday evenings. Private lessons and semi-private lessons are also available. So come out and enjoy one of Bethlehem's treasures.

For more information, contact Bob Dragotta(Dragon) - nogard5@yahoo.com. Or call 484-431-3077



Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course

If you are a golf enthusiast, you are surely itching for the weather to turn in your favor so you can get out on the course. Over the winter, your golf skills may have become a little rusty. Before you make your first tee time of the year, you may want to take advantage of the new technology at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course.

The FlightScope Launch Monitor is the leader in 3-D doppler technology. FlightScope's 3D ball tracking devices offers real-time tracking while the ball is in flight. It measures ball speed, launch angles, and ball spin. The FlightScope also measures your club speed, club and face angles, and impact with the ball. With all of this information received instantly, our golf pros can

assess your swing, make recommendations on equipment that improve your game, and help reduce the number of Mulligans you use!

For more information on the FlightScope, or to inquire about leagues or lessons, call the Pro Shop at 610-691-9393 or email Paul Viola at

pviola@bethlehem-pa.gov

[Bethlehem Golf Website](http://BethlehemGolfWebsite)



City Swimming Pools



The City of Bethlehem operates 6 public pools and there is a good chance you live near one. With reasonable daily rates and season passes, there is nothing like cooling off in a pool during the dog days of summer. Pool hours and rates vary by location.

Swimming lessons are offered for pre-school (ages 4-5) youth (6-up) in a group format. Adult, semi-private, and private lessons are also available based on interest. Class sizes are limited, so registrations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Summer in the Parks

The City of Bethlehem's Annual Summer Day Camp will continue this summer at the Ice Rink on Illick's Mill Road. The Camp is for boys and girls ages 7-12 and will run Monday through Friday from 10AM to 3PM. There are four 2-week sessions which begin in June. The cost is \$150 per session. Activities include swimming, arts & crafts, sports, games, & special events. Children must bring their

own lunch. Swimming lessons at Memorial Pool are also part of the daily activities. Our free supervised playground program runs from June to August and is held at various parks throughout the city.

Also continuing this summer will be the Movies in the Park series which will feature 6 movies, once a week at different parks throughout the city. Look for a schedule to be out in Spring! In May,

look for our annual Float your Boat competition where contestants build boats out of cardboard and race them in the Lehigh Canal on Sand Island. When summer vacation starts, look for the week long Adventure Camp for youth ages 13-15 where kids go biking, rock climbing, and more. For more information, dates, and availability, please call the Recreation Office at 610-865-7081 or visit our website:

www.bethlehem-pa.gov/

Activities

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to sign up for our online mailing list!



The Charles A. Brown Ice House

The Pennsylvania Youth Theatre will be offering two shows this Spring at the Charles A. Brown Ice House.

The Hobbit | March 15-24, 2012

The Hobbit is a modern day classic, with Bilbo, one of the most conservative of all Hobbits, who asked to leave his large, roomy and very dry home in the ground in order to set off as chief robber in an attempt to recover an important treasure. It's the last thing that any sensitive Hobbit would want to do, but great benefits eventually result—not only for Bilbo but for all of the Hobbits who inhabit Middle Earth—and the hearts of those children and adults who continue to enjoy this kind of magic.

The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley | May 3-19, 2013

Stanley Lambchop is your ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill ten-year-old: normal mom and dad, normal little brother, normal life. That's just the problem...for Stanley, life is too normal. He wants to travel the world, do something amazing, something no one's ever seen before. One night, the bulletin board on the wall above Stanley's bed comes loose and falls-right on top of Stanley! The next morning, Stanley Lambchop wakes up flat. In a whirlwind musical travelogue, Stanley-the ultimate exchange students-scours the globe for a solution to his unusual problem. He's stamped, posted and cancelled from Hollywood to France to Honolulu and beyond. Stanley is closing in on his goal of being a three-dimensional boy once more.

For More information, contact PYT at 610-332-1400.



Performing Arts

Mock Turtle Marionette Theater

***Shadow Stories* with Balinese music Saturday, March 16th at 10 AM**

Shadow Stories, featuring three shadow puppet plays and live music performed by *Gamelan Mekar Sari*, an ensemble comprised of Valley devotees of Indonesian music. The program will include the premiere of Mock Turtle's new shadow play, *The Grumpy Gecko*, accompanied by Balinese gamelan music played on drums, gongs, cymbals and metalophones.

Tickets are \$5 for the show and post-show demonstrations.

"Magic Day" Saturday, April 6th at 10 AM

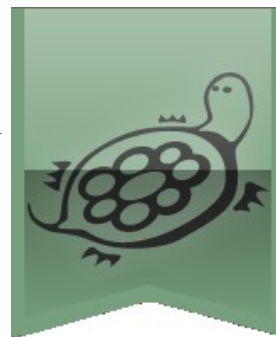
Internationally known magician, Joe Keppel, will present a magic and vaudeville performance followed by a hands-on magic workshop as part of Mock Turtles Saturday's Child series. Keppel's show entitled, *Magic, Mayhem, and Motion*, will combine his performance of magic and comedy with lots of audience participation.

Tickets: \$5 for the show/ \$7.50 for the show and workshop combination

Community Giving Day Saturday, April 13th at 10 AM

Benefitting the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, which do their good work at the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown. Sing-along, make puppets and find your own place on stage as the community comes together to help those most hurt by the recession.

For more information, contact Doug Roysdon at 610-867-8208.



Pavilions

The City of Bethlehem offers 6 pavilions available for rent in 3 very different parks. There are two in Saucon Park, which boast plenty of open space, Saucon creek, a playground, and a swimming pool. Two are located in South Mountain Park, which is a wooded area but is home to an 18 “hole” disc golf course. The remaining two pavilions are located in Monocacy Park where you can enjoy a scenic walk along Monocacy Creek, and is a short distance away from the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course and Memorial Pool. The City’s pavilions are available from April to October, 7am to dark.

The pavilions are a perfect place to host a birthday party, family reunion, or even a wedding!

Reservation fees are as follows:

Secure
your party
today!

Weekday	\$65 Resident	\$90 Non-resident
Weekend & Holiday	\$75 Resident	\$100 Non-resident

To check pavilion availability, you can call us at 610-865-7081. To reserve a pavilion you must come to the Parks and Recreation Office in City Hall (Rm 506). Payments must be made in full when making the reservations, cash or check. No refunds.

Pavilions are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

Facilities

The Charles A. Brown Ice House is an indoor facility that can host birthday parties, dance showcases, performing arts, and other special events.

The Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink is the City’s outdoor Ice Skating Facility. During the winter you can rent ice for your school, team, club, or corporate groups. The Party Room is available for a private birthday party or celebration to be held during our public sessions.

There are a variety of athletic fields available for rent, including soccer, rugby, softball and lacrosse.

The Bethlehem Rose Garden is available for rental for weddings, pictures, and special events.

For more information, costs, and availability, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 610-865-7081.

Facility Rentals

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